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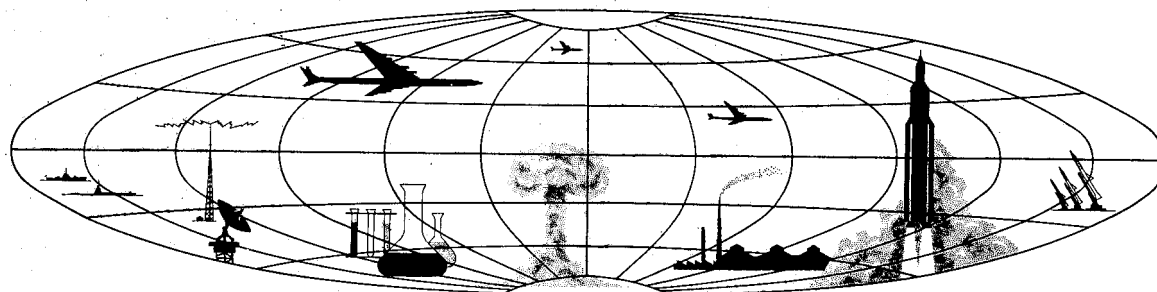


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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3555, DATED 15 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE.

25X1D

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SIX PROBABLE LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, ONE CANVAS-COVERED HOLD AREA, AND AN OCCUPIED CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

TWENTY-FIVE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (5 CANVAS-COVERED) AND APPROXIMATELY 25 MISSILE CANISTERS OBSERVED.

25X1D

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (2 IN EACH OF 3 HOLD POSITIONS, THE 7TH ADJACENT TO THE PERIMETER ROAD), AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE.

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MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCH POSITIONS,
ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, TWO
CANVAS-COVERED HOLD AREAS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE
AREA.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE PROBABLE FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE
UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT OBSERVED
IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 35 FISHBED, 20 FAGOT/FRESCO, 4 FARMER,
11 B-26, 3 T-6, AND 6 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE
AIRCRAFT VISIBLE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE B-26, ONE CESSNA 310, ONE BEECHCRAFT
4 C-46, 3 C-54, ONE COOT, 2 BRITANNIA, 4 CRATE (ONE
WITHOUT WINGS), ONE C-47, 2 LIAISON/TRAINER, ONE
LODESTAR, AND 3 CONSTELLATION VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE
AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CRATE, 2 C-47, 7 COLT, 44
LIAISON/TRAINER, AND ONE PBY VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE
AREAS.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 23 HOUND OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 11 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, ONE PF, ONE PC,
ONE POSSIBLE PC, AND ONE POSSIBLE COASTAL FREIGHTER
VISIBLE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 22 LARGE FREIGHTERS (ONE IN DRYDOCK),
3 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, 4 TRAWLERS, ONE PF, 2 PC,
AND ONE KOMAR-CLASS PGMG ON MARINE RAILWAY VISIBLE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER VISIBLE
APPROACHING PIER.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT VISIBLE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
APPROXIMATELY 10 TRUCKS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT
THE AREA.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

HAZE, CLOUD SHADOW, AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY
PRECLUDE INTERPRETATION.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

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[REDACTED]

HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

SCATTERED-TO-HEAVY CLOUDS PRECLUDE INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

HAZE AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE A DETAILED
INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE
SINCE [REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A
[REDACTED]

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

SCATTERED CLOUDS AND CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDE
INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

SCATTERED CLOUDS AND CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDE
INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- 17 PROBABLE TRACKED PRIME MOVERS,
APPROXIMATELY 17 FA PIECES, AND APPROXIMATELY
15 TRUCKS VISIBLE.
WEST AREA -- 18 FA PIECES, APPROXIMATELY 19 PROBABLE
TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, AND 7 TRUCKS OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- AT LEAST 16 TANKS/SP GUNS AND
APPROXIMATELY 40 TRUCKS VISIBLE.
AREA 2 -- AT LEAST 8 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES VISIBLE.
AREA 3 -- NO APPARENT CHANGE.
AREA 4 -- 23 PIECES OF UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT
OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
APPROXIMATELY 32 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN HEADQUARTERS
AREA.
THREE TRUCKS VISIBLE ON THE APPROACH ROAD TO THE
LARGE LOOP ROAD.

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE
LAST COVERAGE --

REMEDIOS IRBM SITE

2225N 07935W

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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3	2242N 08308W
CHAPARRA SAM SITE	2107N 07626W
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2300N 08226W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2303N 08218W

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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT
NOT INTERPRETED --

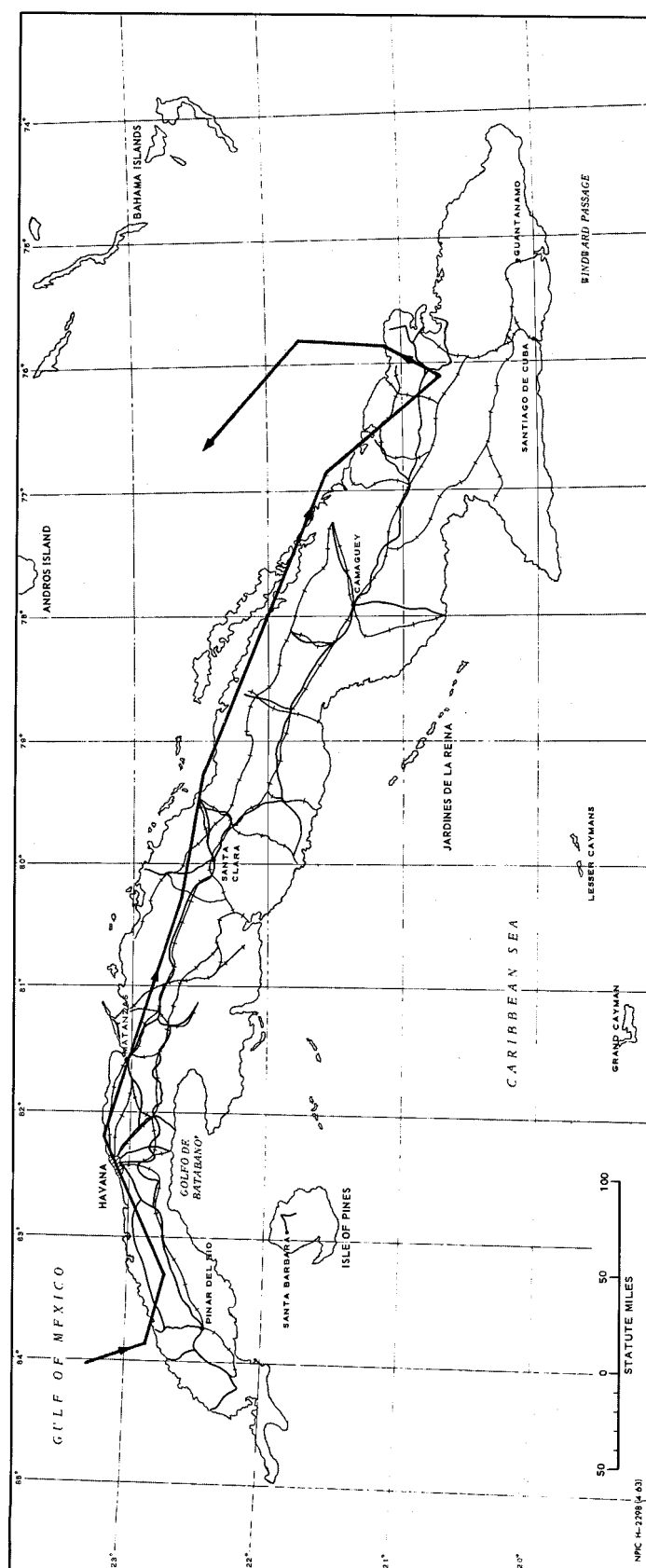
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2300N 08250W
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08252W
BAJURAYABO AREA MILITARY CAMP	2308N 08210W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W

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CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C	2258N 08238W
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